

University of Nebraska at Kearney
New General Studies Program
(effective fall 2010)

45 credit hours
12 hour core, 3 hour Portal, 27 hour distribution, 3 hour capstone

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates are able to:

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| 1) Evaluate information appropriate to the task.
2) Apply principles of critical thinking to demonstrate integrative learning.
3) Communicate effectively in spoken form. | 4) Communicate effectively in written form.
5) Analyze cultural issues within a global context.
6) Evaluate in context significant concepts relating to democracy. |
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I Foundational Core – 12 hours					
Written Communication 3 hours	Math for the Liberal Arts 3 hours OR college algebra & above		Oral Communication 3 hours	Democracy in Perspective 3 hours	
II Portal Course – 3 hours					
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Primary purpose of the course is to develop critical thinking skills▪ Students are strongly encouraged to take the Portal in the first two semesters▪ All Portal courses are numbered 188 (i.e. ENG 188, GEOG 188)▪ Students choose to take the Portal in any department▪ Students transferring in 24+ hours of General Studies credit are exempt from taking the Portal, but must still complete a total of 45 hours of General Studies credit					
III Distribution – 27 hours (22 hours in minimum requirements, 5 hours of electives)					
Aesthetics 3-6 hours	Humanities 6-9 hours in at least two disciplines	Social Sciences 6-9 hours in at least two disciplines	Natural Sciences 7-11 hours in at least two disciplines (at least one lab)	Analytical & Quantitative Thought 0-6 hours	Wellness 0-6 hours
IV Capstone Course – 3 hours					
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Course is interdisciplinary and focuses on critical thinking▪ Open to juniors and seniors, and to students within 6 hours of completion of their General Studies requirements▪ All Capstone courses are numbered 388 (i.e. ENG 388, GEOG 388)▪ Students choose to take the Capstone in any department▪ Requires creation of an original semester project					